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## <u>Claims</u>

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- 1. A projection screen comprising a projection layer formed of a flexible sheet of fabric, and means for supporting the projection layer in tension during use, wherein at least part of the tensioned projection layer has a front projection surface adapted to have an image projected thereon and a corresponding rear surface that is overlaid with a backing layer that absorbs light transmitted through the projection surface of the projection layer.
- 10 2. A projection screen as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the tensioned projection layer is free of creases.
  - 3. A projection screen as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the projection layer is formed of an elastic fabric, and is stretched slightly when tensioned.

4. A projection screen as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the projection layer is formed of a knitted fabric.

- 5. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the backing layer overlies the entire rear surface of the projection layer.
  - 6. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the backing layer is of black colouration.
- 7. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the backing layer is formed of a sheet of fabric.
  - 8. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the facing surfaces of the projection layer and the backing layer are not bonded together but are held in close abutment.

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- 9. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the projection layer and the backing layer are both supported in tension by a flexible hoop.
- 5 10. A projection screen as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the projection layer and backing layer are provided with a peripheral tube within which the flexible hoop is accommodated, the hoop serving to tension and slightly stretch the fabric of the projection layer and the backing layer.
- 10 11. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the projection screen includes means by which the panel can be suspended during use.
- 12. A projection screen as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein theprojection screen is self-supporting in an upright position.